



## News Release

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### **City holds groundbreaking for Columbia Avenue overpass**

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.** – Everyone is welcome to a groundbreaking ceremony for the Columbia Avenue overpass on Columbia, near Iowa Avenue and Dodson Way, at 3 p.m., Thursday.

The \$32 million project will raise Columbia Avenue over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks in the Hunter Business Park. The project extends from La Cadena Drive to Iowa Avenue.

More than 100 trains pass each day, with 16,300 vehicles crossing the tracks daily.

“The project will eliminate almost five hours of gate ‘down time’ every day when completed,” said Tom Boyd, the deputy public works director. “We’ll be able to breathe better as well; this project will eliminate 29 tons of greenhouse gases annually that are generated by idling vehicles waiting for trains.”

Columbia Avenue will be closed to through traffic.

Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge and Ward 1 Councilmember Mike Gardner will attend the brief ceremony.

Refreshments will be served.

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